

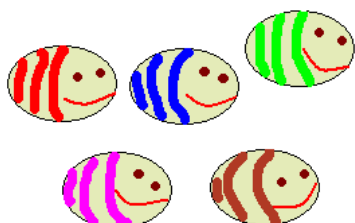
CATERPILLARS / BUTTERFLIES

ART

SPLODgies

Fold a piece of white paper in half. Dribble different color paint in wing shape on one side of paper. Fold paper over paint and press. Paint will transfer to both sides of paper making colorful wings. Let dry. Draw or paint on butterfly bodies.

LIMA BEAN CATERPILLARS



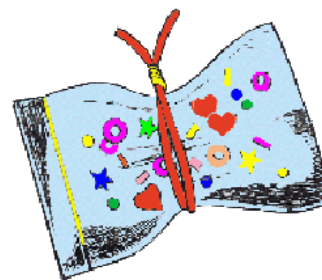
Decorate dry Lima beans with permanent magic markers. Make stripes, eyes, and mouths. Use your caterpillar beans to count, sort, sequence, or decorate pictures.

CATERPILLAR MAGNETS

Glue 3-4 small pom poms to a piece of strip magnet. Glue on roly-poly eyes. Add antenna made of pipe cleaners.

SANDWICH BAG BUTTERFLY

Fill a plastic sandwich bag 2/3 full of scrap tissue paper or other colorful paper. Push out all the air and seal. Tape the bag shut. Divide the bag into halves and wrap a pipe cleaner around the middle. Spread the sandwich bag to form wings. Twist the pipe cleaner at the top to form antenna.



EGG CARTON CATERPILLAR



1. Cut the cup portion of an egg carton in half to form two long "caterpillars."
2. Paint and decorate.
3. Glue wiggly eyes to front cup.
4. Add pipe cleaners for antenna.

CLOTHESPIN BUTTERFLIES

Use old-fashioned slotted clothespins (the kind without the springs) Cut two 4" by 6" rectangles of colored tissue paper and squash into clothespin to form wings. Add antenna with pipe cleaners.

FLYING BUTTERFLIES

Cut butterfly shapes from poster board. Color and decorate. Punch a hole in the top of the shape and tie a 2 foot length of string onto the butterfly. Punch a hole in the top of a paper cup. Thread the string through the hole. Tie a bead on the end of the string to keep it from slipping back through hole. Gently pull and release the string to move the butterfly up and down.

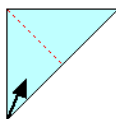
CATERPILLARS

Cut caterpillar shapes from poster board. Wrap the caterpillars in thread or left-over Halloween spider web material. Hang the cocoons from a branch and talk about what will happen to the caterpillars. Each day, remove a cocoon and replace it with a paper butterfly!

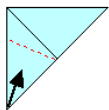
ORIGAMI BUTTERFLIES



1. Fold a 6" square of paper in half diagonally.

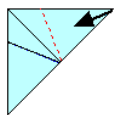
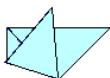


2. Fold triangle in half.

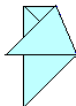
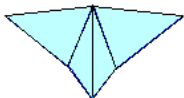


3. Open fold.

4. Fold over corner.



5. Open fold.



6. Fold over other corner.

7. Open fold.



8. Decorate butterfly.

FOOT BUTTERFLIES

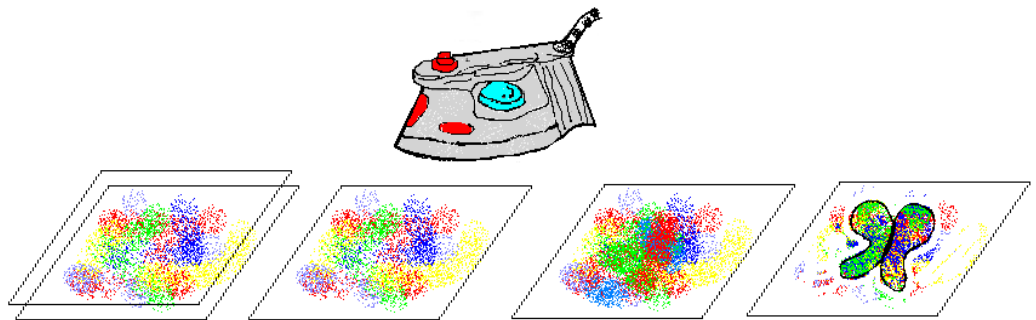
Have child stand with feet together on a piece of paper. Trace around both feet. The feet will form the wings of the butterfly. Have children color and add bodies and antenna.

CATERPILLAR PRINTS

Use thumb pressed onto stamp pad to make caterpillars. Add feet and antenna.

CRAYON BUTTERFLIES

1. Shave crayons onto piece of waxed paper and place 2nd piece on top.
2. On low setting with NO steam, iron waxed paper to seal and melt crayons.
3. Let cool.
4. Cut butterfly shape. Hang in window.

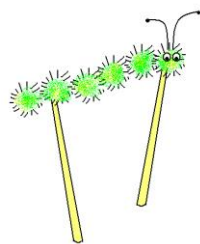


BUTTERFLY PUPPETS

Material: 2 paper plates, crayons, scissors, stapler

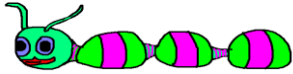
Draw a butterfly on one plate and color it. Cut the other plate in half. Trim 1 inch from the cut edge of each half of the cut plate. Fold the plate with the butterfly on it in half. Crease down the center of the butterfly body. Fold the sides back toward the body. Staple the cut halves of the plate to the back of the other plate so an opening is created along the crease of the colored plate. Put your thumb in one pocket and your fingers in the other pocket. Open and close hand to make the butterfly fly.

POM-POM CATERPILLAR PUPPET



Material: pom-pom string (available at most hobby shops)
googly eyes, artificial flower stamens for antenna, straws or chopsticks
Cut a length of pom-pom rope with 5 to 6 poms. Glue antenna and eyes onto front pom. Glue chopsticks to head and 2nd pom from end.

CRAZY CATERPILLARS



Material: 2 knee socks, stuffing, yarn, 4 pipe cleaners, markers, scissors, glue

Stuff toe of sock to make head. Tie off head with yarn. Put more stuffing in sock to make a body section. Tie off section. Continue until you fill sock. Tie off last section tightly. Decorate with felt scraps or markers. Poke in pipe cleaner antennae.

STAGES OF LIFE

Toilet-paper tube, craft stick, Heavy paper, 6" piece of pipe cleaner, folded in half
Markers or crayons, Scissors and glue



1. Cut out and color a butterfly from the heavy paper. Use any colors, but make both halves look the same. Put a small hole at the top of the butterfly's head.
2. Color the toilet paper tube to look like a chrysalis. (A monarch butterfly's chrysalis is green, but you can use any color.)

3. Take a piece
Put one point
and then twist it
"feelers" to learn



of pipe cleaner and shape it like the letter "V".
through the little hole in the butterfly's head
to look like antennae. Butterflies use these
about their environment.

4. Glue the
glue dry.

5. Curl the butterfly's wings and slide it into the chrysalis.

butterfly to one end of the craft stick. Let the



6. Pull the stick to make the beautiful butterfly come out of the chrysalis. Fly your butterfly like a real one!

MIRROR BUTTERFLY HANDPRINTS

Cut out a thorax for each child. Let them glue it to center of white construction paper. Paint each child's hand with poster paint. Place each hand on the opposite side of the body, spreading fingers out to make wings.



SONGS

BUTTERFLY, BUTTERFLY (to tune of "Jingle Bells")

Butterfly, butterfly, Dancing all around.
Butterfly, butterfly, Now you're on the ground.
In a tree, hard to see, Now you've flown away.
Butterfly, oh butterfly, Please come back some day.

UP AND DOWN (to tune of "London Bridge") (Have children use clothes-pin butterflies to go up and down)

Butterflies fly up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
Butterflies fly up and down,
See them flutter.

They flap their wings and up they go!
Up they go, up they go!
They flap their wings and up they go.
See them flutter.

Gently softly, down they come,
Down they come, down they come.
Gently softly, down they come
See them flutter.

FLUTTER, FLUTTER (to tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Flutter, flutter, butterfly.
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see,
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.

I'm a stri-ped caterpillar.
I'm such a chubby feller.
I love to eat and eat,
those leaves are such a treat!

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY (to tune of "Up on the House Top")

First comes a butterfly that lays an egg.
Out comes a caterpillar with many legs.
Oh, see the caterpillar spin and spin,
A chrysalis to sleep in.

Oh, oh, oh, look and see
Oh, oh, oh, look and see
Out of the chrysalis... my, oh, my
Out comes a beautiful butterfly!

CATERPILLAR'S SONG (to tune of "The Adam's Family")

My tummy is fat. (snap snap)
I like it like that. (snap snap)
I wiggle around.
I jiggle around.
My tummy is fat (snap snap)

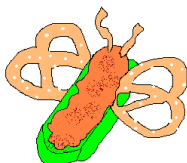
SNACKS

BUTTERFLY SANDWICHES



Cut sandwiches on diagonal, put on plate pointed sides facing each other. Peel and clean small carrot. Use carrot for body. Add antenna out of carrot curls or thin celery slices.

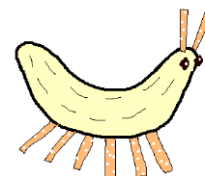
BUTTERFLY



Cut 1 celery stalk in half. Fill with cheese or peanut butter
Press 2 pretzel knots into each stalk for wings and 2 chow mein noodles into front for antennae.

BANANAPILLAR

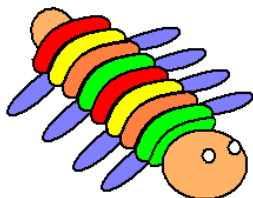
Peel 1 banana
Poke 6 pretzel sticks in each side of banana for legs and 2 in top for antennae
Attach raisin eyes with dab of peanut butter.



CATERPILLAR DESSERT

Cut three grapes in half and line them up in a straight line on a plate. Put raisin feet and eyes in appropriate places.

CATERPILLAR AND BUTTERFLY



Dampen gummy LifeSavers and press them together to form caterpillar bodies. Roll a piece of taffy into a ball for the head. Add frosting eyes and gummy tail. Use coated licorice candy for caterpillar's legs and slices of string licorice for butterfly's antennae. Use gummy drop fruit slices for butterfly wings.



OTHER FUN STUFF

CLASS CATERPILLAR

Give each child a paper lunch bag to fill $\frac{3}{4}$ full of crumpled newspaper. Staple bags closed about 3" from top. Let kids paint the sides and bottoms with green paint. When dry, lay the bags in a line with the flat top of bag under the stuffed bottom of the next bag. Tape together to form a caterpillar. Add eyes and antennae.

CATERPILLAR WALK

Have children form a caterpillar by lining up in a row on their knees. Ask each child to hold onto the back or legs of the person in front of him. Then have the children crawl together in a line by taking steps first with their right knees, then with their left knees and so on. Have them crawl around the room.

BUTTERFLY PIE

Material: dirt, water, flower petals, 1 cup sugar, pie pan, sunny day
Mix dirt and water to make mud. Stir in lots of flower petals and sugar. Put in pie pan and set out to dry. butterflies will enjoy!

BUTTERFLY CATCHING

Cut butterfly shapes out of lightweight paper. Throw them up into the air and let the children take turns catching them with a strainer.

BUTTERFLY WINGS

Use two colorful scarves (or squares of filmy material) to make butterfly wings. Safety pin the scarves to the sleeves of a child's long-sleeved shirt.

ANTENNA

Make a headband from wide elastic. Add two antennae made from pipe cleaners. If you like, you can add small styrofoam balls rolled in glitter to tops of pipe cleaners.

FINGERPLAYS

FUZZY WUZZY CATERPILLAR

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar,
Into a corner will creep (creep hand)
She'll spin herself a blanket
And then go fast asleep (close eyes)

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Will wake up by and by, (open eyes)
To find that she has grown two wings,
Now she's a butterfly (wave arms at sides)

5 LITTLE CATERPILLARS

5 little caterpillars munching on a leaf
1 little caterpillar takes a little sleep
This little caterpillar wakes up with a cry
"I'm not a caterpillar I'm a great big butterfly!"

4 little caterpillars munch the leaf some more
1 little caterpillar soon begins to snore
This little caterpillar wakes up with a cry,
"I'm not a caterpillar I'm a great big butterfly!"

3 little caterpillars munching on their snack
1 little caterpillar takes a little nap
This little caterpillar wakes up with a cry,
"I'm not a caterpillar I'm a great big butterfly!"

2 little caterpillars munch the leaf and choose
1 little caterpillar to have a little snooze
This little caterpillar wakes up with a cry
"I'm not a caterpillar I'm a great big butterfly!"

1 little caterpillar left upon the leaf
1 little caterpillar cries out with relief
"I'm a lucky caterpillar, if I had nodded off
I would not have been a butterfly; I'd have been a blooming moth!!

CATERPILLARS

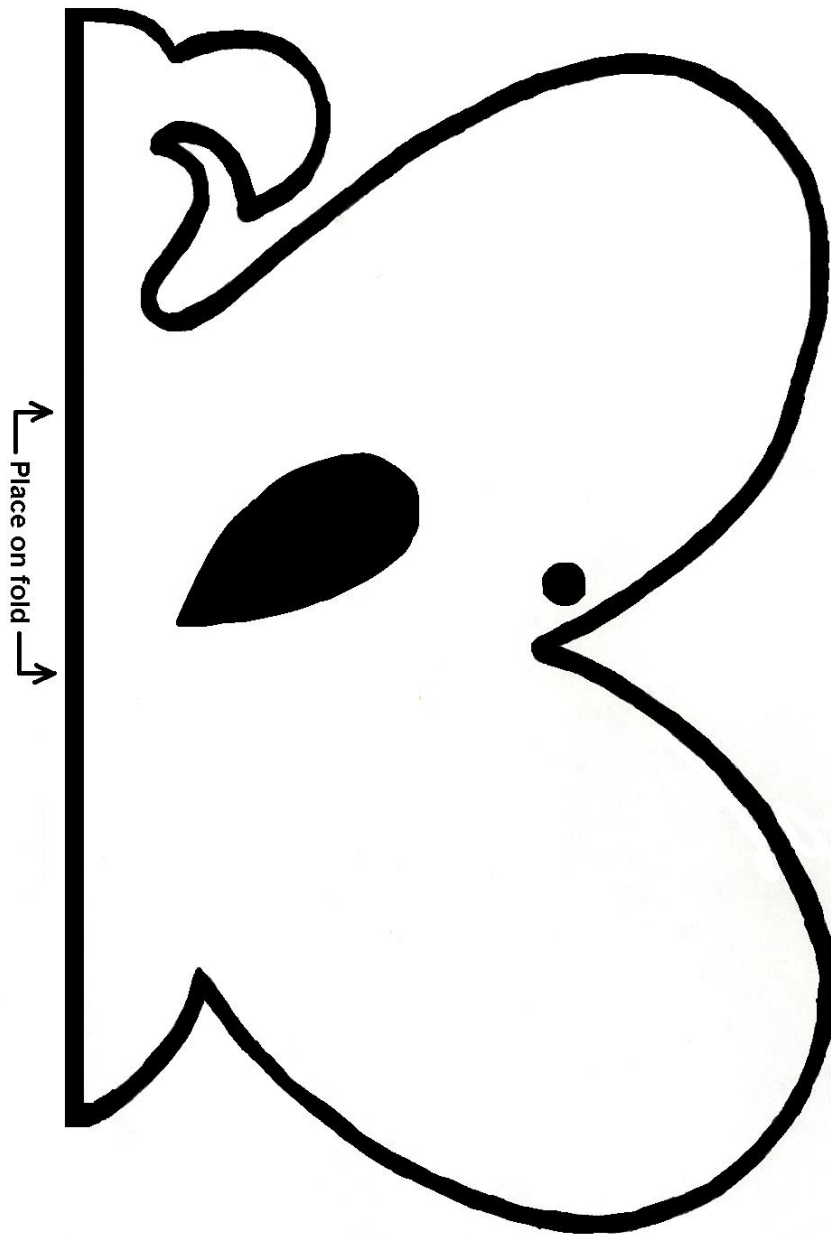
"Let's go to sleep," the caterpillars said
As they tucked themselves into their beds (tuck fingers into fist)
They will awaken, by and by (slowly open hand)
And each will be a butterfly! (fly fingers)

THE CATERPILLAR

A caterpillar crawled to the top of a tree. (crawl fingers up arm)
"I think I'll take a nap," said he.
So under a leaf he began to creep (wrap right hand over left fist)
To spin his cocoon and he fell asleep.
All winter he slept in his cocoon bed,
'Till spring came along one day and said,
"Wake up, wake, up little sleepyhead. (shake left fist with right hand)
Wake up; it's time to get out of bed."
So he opened his eyes that sun-shiny day. (spread fingers and look into hand)
Look! He's a butterfly -- and he flew away. (Move hand in flying motion)

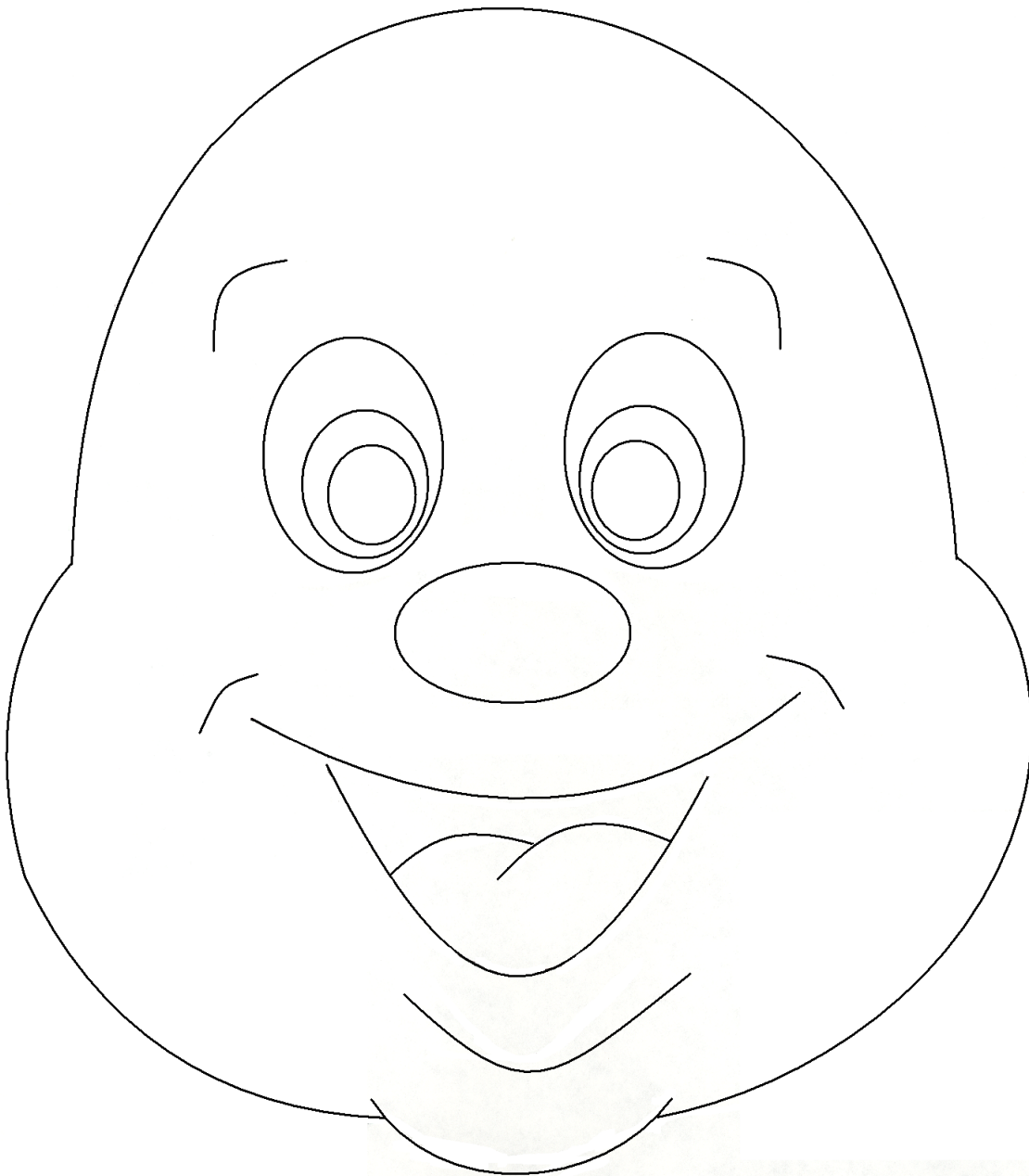
BUTTERFLY MASK

Lay pattern on fold of paper and cut out. Cut out dark area for eye holes. Let children color and decorate. Add string and adjust to fit face.



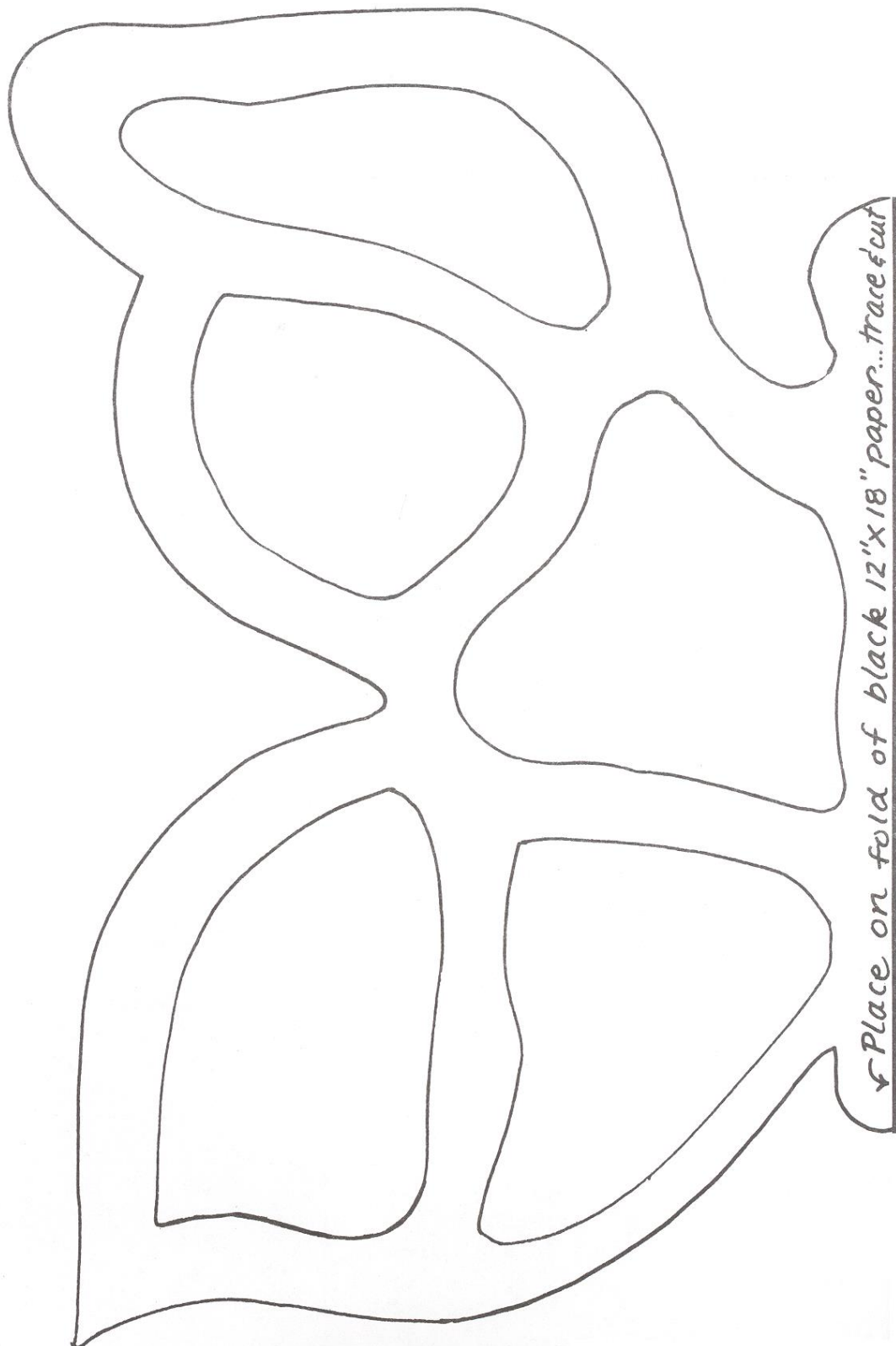
CATERPILLAR HEADBAND

Copy pattern for each child and let them color. Cut out picture and attach to a paper strip cut to fit child's head.

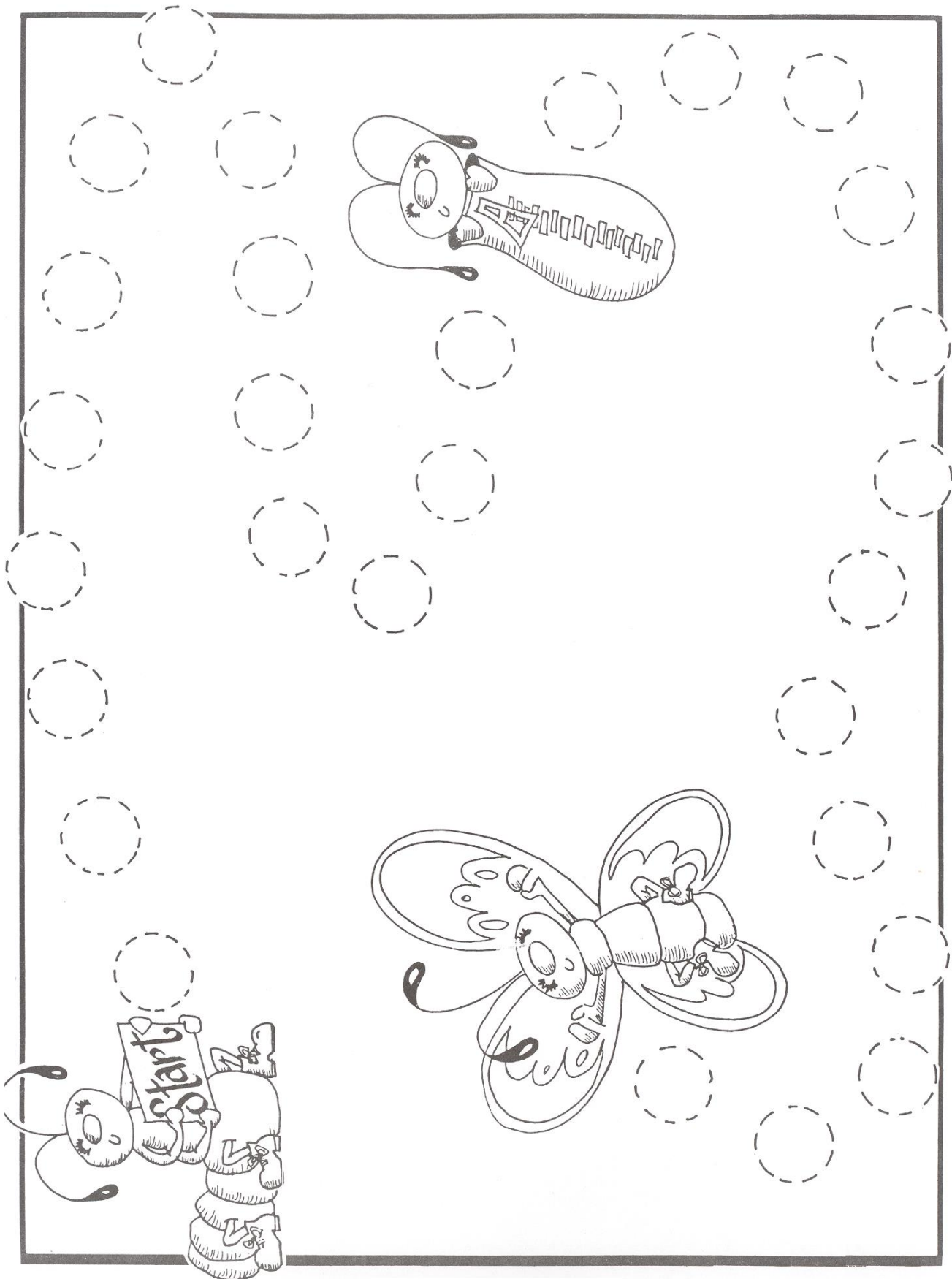


STAINED GLASS BUTTERFLIES

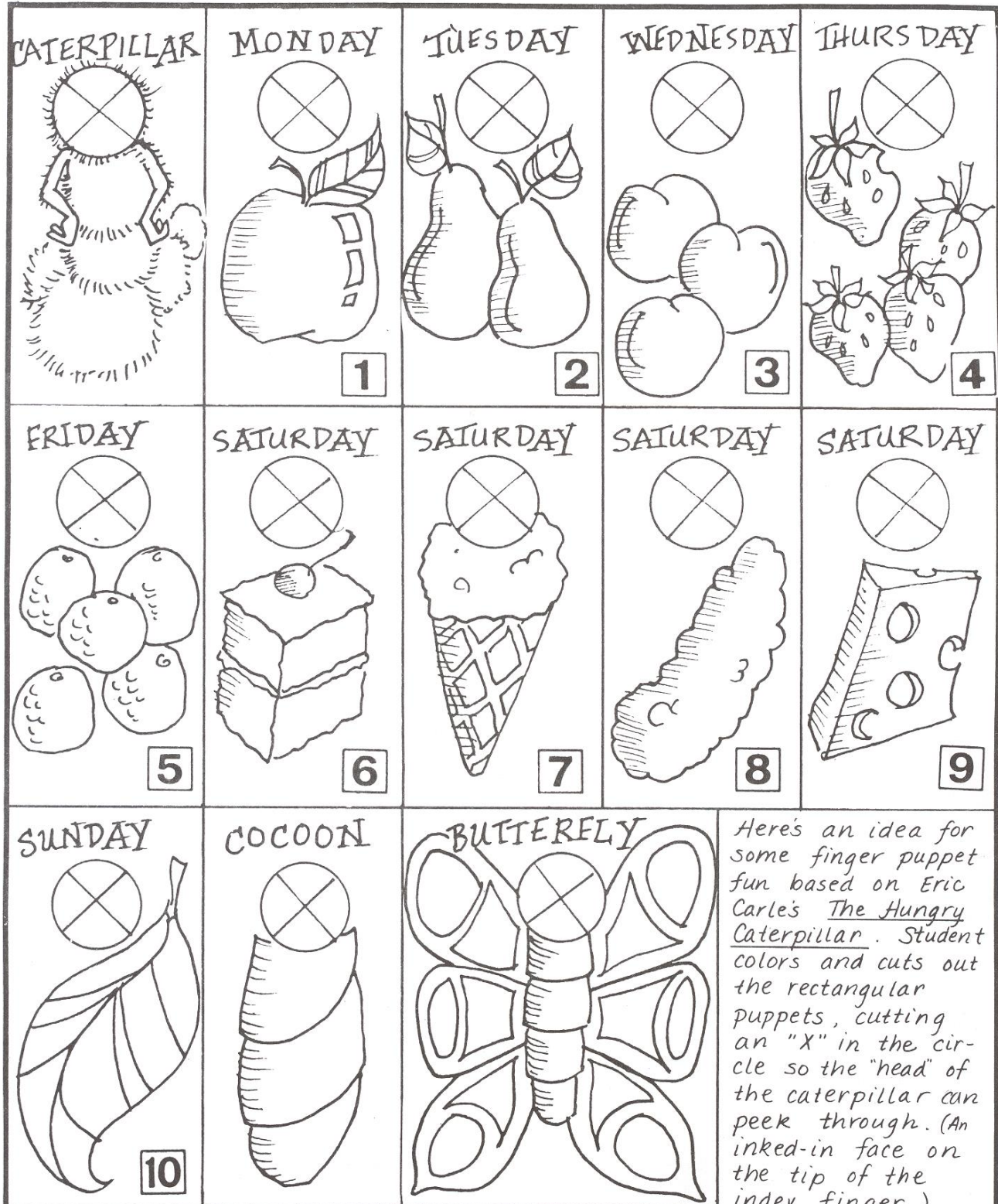
Fold a piece of black construction paper in half and lay pattern on fold. Cut around pattern and cut out holes. Cut colored tissue paper slightly larger than holes in butterfly wings. Glue edges of tissue to back of butterfly. Hang in windows to let light shine through.



RACE FOR THE WINGS Copy game board. Roll dice to race for wings!



VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR FINGER PUPPETS

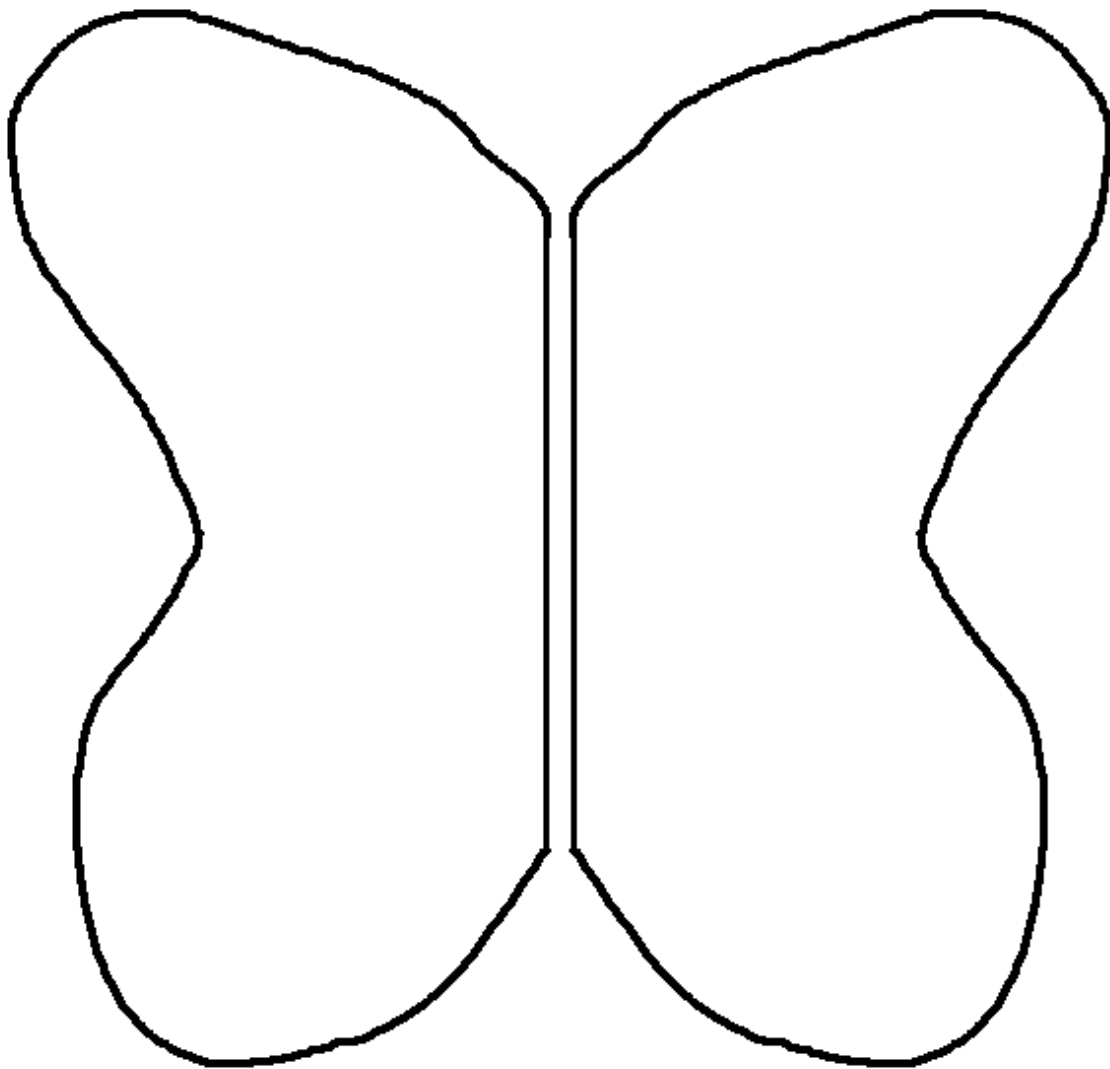


Here's an idea for some finger puppet fun based on Eric Carle's The Hungry Caterpillar. Student colors and cuts out the rectangular puppets, cutting an "X" in the circle so the "head" of the caterpillar can peek through. (An inked-in face on the tip of the index finger.)

Now the kids can tell a simplified version of the story from caterpillar to butterfly ~ while also reinforcing sequencing and numeral recognition skills.

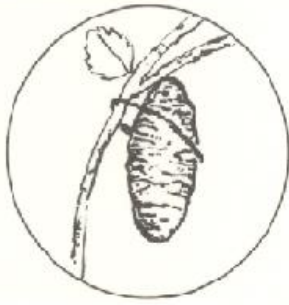
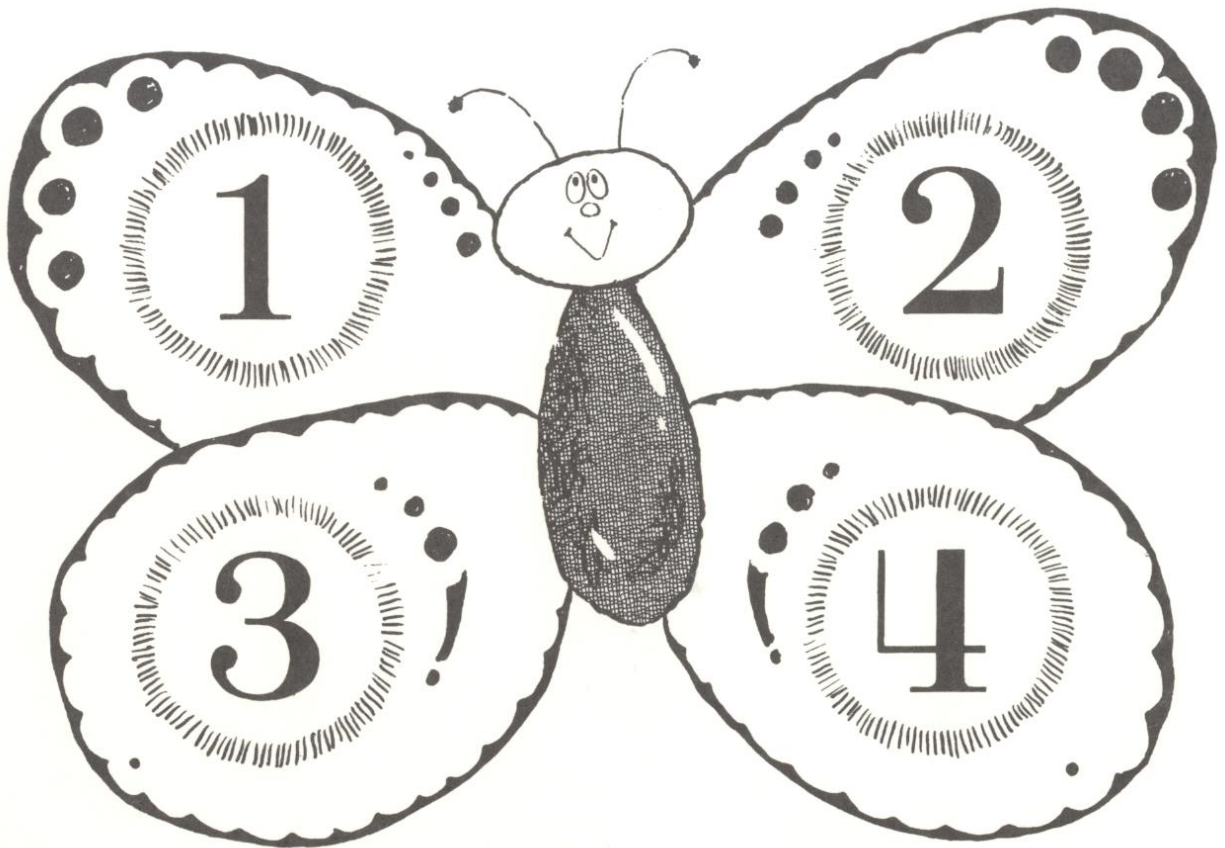
BUTTERFLY MATCHING

Cut patter. On 1 half write number. On other half draw corresponding dots. Have children match halves to make butterflies.



FROM CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY

Copy one pattern for each child. Let them color. Cut the circles out and place them in order on the wings.



CATERPILLAR AND BUTTERFLY BOOKS

CALL NUMBER	AUTHOR	TITLE
J 398.2 TAY	Taylor	Coyote And The Laughing Butterflies
J 513.2 PAL	Pallotta	Butterfly Counting
J 595.7		section on caterpillars, insects & butterflies
J 595.78		section on Butterflies
E ARAKI	Araki	Kitten's Big Adventure
E ASTON	Aston	Butterfly Is Patient
E BROWN	Brown	If At First You Do Not See
E BRUEL	Bruel	Bob And Otto
E CAIN	Cain	Crunching Munching Caterpillar
E CAPUCILLI	Capucilli	Katy Duck Is A Caterpillar
E CARLE	Carle	Love From The Very Hungry Caterpillar
E CARLE	Carle	Very Hungry Caterpillar
E CLARKE	Clarke	Who Woke The Baby?
E COLLICOTT	Collicott	Toestomper And The Caterpillars
E COSGROVE	Cosgrove	Gossamer
E DELUISE	De Luise	Charlie The Caterpillar
E DONALDSON	Donaldson	Where's My Mom
E EDWARDS	Edwards	Clara Caterpillar
E EHLERT	Ehlert	Waiting For Wings
E ELWELL	Elwell	Adios, Oscar!
E FALWELL	Falwell	Butterflies For Kiri
E FOLEY	Foley	Don't Worry, Bear
E GOLDMAN	Goldman	Uncle Monarch And The Day Of The Dead
E GRACE	Grace	Caterpillar Dance
E HARDY	Hardy	Where Is Fred?
E HEAP	Heap	Four Friends In The Garden
E HOWE	Howe	I Wish I Were A Butterfly
E JARRETT	Jarrett	Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar
E KELLER	Keller	Farfallina & Marcel
E KENT	Kent	Caterpillar And The Polliwog
E LEES	Lees	Moustachapillar
E LEWISON	Lewison	Princess Buttercup
E LIONNI	Lionni	Inch By Inch
E MADISON	Madison	Velma Gratch And The Way Cool Butterfly
E MARKLE	Markle	Butterfly Tree
E MARTIN	Martin	Ten Little Caterpillars
E MAYER	Mayer	Our Friend Sam
E MCBRATNEY	McBratney	Caterpillow Fight
E MCKEE	McKee	Elmer And Butterfly
E MILLARD	Millard	Kaito's Cloth
E OCONNOR	O'Connor	Fancy Nancy – Bonjour, Butterfly

E OCONNOR	O'Connor	Nina, Nina, Star Ballerina
E OFLATHERTA	O'Flatherta	Hurry And The Monarch
E PARISH	Parish	Amelia Bedelia Hits The Trail
E PEDERSEN	Pedersen	Houdini The Amazing Caterpillar
E PROSEK	Prosek	Bird, Butterfly Eel
E RUNTON	Runton	Owly & Wormy – Friends All Aflutter!
E SCHAEFER	Schaefer	Follow Me, Mittens
E SWOPE	Swope	Gotta Go! Gotta Go!
E SYMES	Symes	Harriet Dancing
E THIERRY	Thierry	Green Butterfly
E TRIPP	Tripp	Hallie's Horrible Handwriting
E WESTON	Weston	Butterfly Garden
E WILLIS	Willis	Tadpole's Promise

DVDS

J 595.78 BUT	Butterfly And Moth
J 791.43 ADV	Adventures Of Carlos Caterpillar (series)
J 791.43 DOR	Dora's Butterfly Ball
J 791.43 HER	Hermie And Friends (Series)
J 791.43 LIT	Little Einsteins – Our Big Huge Adventure (butterfly forests in Mexico)
J 791.43 VER	Very Hungry Caterpillar And Other Stories (Very Hungry Caterpillar)
J 791.43 SPR	Springtime Fun (Barney: Butterflies; Angelina: Arthur And The Butterfly)
J 791.43 STA	Stanley – Spring Fever

SOUND RECORDINGS

J 782.42 PAL	Hap Palmer's Animal Antics (Butterfly)
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